**राव बीरेन्द्र सिंह :** आप यह पूछ रहे हैं कि हमने जो चीनी मंगाई है वह किस रेट पर कितनी क्वांटिटी की मंगाई है । इस बारे में मैं यह कहना चाहूंगा कि यह चीनी एस० टी० सी० द्वारा मंगाई जाती है । इसलिए अगर आप कामर्स मिनिस्ट्री से यह सवाल करेंगे तो आपको ठीक जवाब इसका मिल जाएगा । लेकिन इसमें शक नहीं कि बाहर चीनी की कीमत इस वक्त काफी कम है ।

**श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा :** दुगुना फायदा उठा रहे हैं ।

**राव बीरेन्द्र सिंह :** फायदा उसमें दुगुना नहीं उठाया जा रहा है, लेकिन जिस तरह से . . .

**श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा** कंज्यमर्स नुकसान उठा ही रहे है ।

**राव बीरेन्द्र सिंह :** लाने के ऊपर भी खर्चा होता है, किराया भी बहुत है और फिर यहां तकसीम करने पर भी खर्चा होता है । दूसरी बात आपने पूछी कि जो मुखतलिफ हमारे पास रिप्रेजन्टेशन आये है, उनमें क्या सुझाव है । उनमें कोई एक सुझाव नहीं है । सुझाव बहुत से हैं । शुगर इंडस्ट्री चाहती है कि लांग टर्म पालिसी हो ताकि उनको यह तसल्ली हो जाय कि हमेशा वह फायदे के अन्दर रहेंगे और सरकार उनकी मदद करती रहेगी । कंज्यूमर्स की तरफ ध्यान देने का सरकार का जो फर्ज है वे इस बात को भूल जाते है । हमारी कोशिश यह है कि लांग टर्म पालिसी बने । इसलिये हम सेवंथ फाइव इयर प्लान के लिये कागजात तैयार कर रहे हैं और आशा है कि उसका फैसला जल्दी हो जायेगा । हम भी चाहते है कि लांग टर्म पालिसी हो । लेकिन जहां तक हम समझ पाये हैं शुगर इंडस्ट्री की कोशिश यह है कि कन्ट्रोल हो और इस ड्यूल प्राइसिंग से उनको बहुत फायदा हो ।

**श्री बीरेन्द्र वर्मा :** यह हम भी नहीं चाहते हैं ।

**राव बीरेन्द्र सिंह :** यह कोई भी नहीं चाहता । वे भी नहीं चाहते । वे यह चाहते हैं कि लेवी शुगर प्रोडक्शन का हम 65 प्रतिशत ले लेते है उसके बजाय फ्री सेल में 50 फीसदी कर दिया जाय और उसको उन्हें खुले बाजार में बेचने की इजाजत हो । असल मकसद उनका यह है कि खुले बाजार में बेचने की मात्रा को बढ़ा दिया जाय ताकि वे ज्यादा फायदा उठा सकें ।

**Construction of flats in Kishangarh**

*64. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:†

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a report recently submitted by the I.I.T., Delhi to Government, more than five hundred DDA flats constructed under the Self-financing Scheme in Kishangarh area are without foundation;

(b) whether Government have made any inquiry into the matter; and

(c) if so, what is the result thereof and what action Government have taken against the DDA officials and the contractor responsible for the construction of the flats?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) On inspection by I.I.T. experts and DDA Engineers, deviations in foundations from those specified were found in respect of 192 flats in the Self-Financing Scheme at Kishangarh.

(b) and (c) The case has been handed over to the CBI for enquiry. Meanwhile, 5 DDA officers/officials concerned with the work have been suspended pending regular departmental proceedings. The cases of two officers who have reverted to their parent department of CPWD, are being processed in the Ministry/CPWD.

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*The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Sushil Chand Mohunta.

Payments to the contractor have been stopped with effect from 3-2-1984, the date when this defect was noticed. He has also been debarred from further tendering.

DDA have started the work of strengthening the foundations. This work is expected to be completed by December, 1985.

SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: It has been repeatedly brought to the notice of the authorities concerned that the contractors, while constructing DDA flats, consider it a prize opportunity for them to make money—not only the contractors but also the officials supervising the construction work. One hundred and ninety-two flats have been found to be defective where the foundation was not even laid. This is not the only such instance. There are many instances where houses have collapsed. An inquiry was instituted, as I understand, into the collapse of a house by a committee called Vaish Committee and the Vaish Committee made a recommendation that the Superintending Engineer, Mr. R. A. Khemani, was the engineer who was directly concerned and responsible for the defective construction of these flats. As a result of the recommendation of the Vaish Committee against Mr. Khemani, instead of any action being taken against him, he was promoted as Chief Engineer. This is the type of action which is being taken. Now, Sir, the answer says that a lot of work is undertaken to strengthen the foundation. I would like to ask the Minister whether the present strengthening of the foundation can be a replacement for the original laying of strong foundation. This cannot be a substitute for that. There are also structural defects in the flats and it was recommended that these flats should be demolished because otherwise precious lives would be lost and there is always danger hovering the heads of the occupants.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please put your question.

SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: Therefore, will the honourable Minister see that these defective flats are demolished and action is taken against those superior officers who are directly connected with this racket?

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR: So far as I know, Sir, it was for the first time in the history of the DDA that the Chief Engineer was suspended. I suspended the Chief Engineer. Not only was the Chief Engineer suspended, but also all those engineers were suspended who were responsible for those areas of Kishangarh where these flats were constructed. I did not hesitate to take action against them.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Good.

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR: One thing more. You talked about Mr. Khimani. I do not know anything about what you have said about Mr. Khimani. But Mr. Khimani has also been suspended. Then, the Executive Engineer has been suspended and there are three Junior Engineers who have been suspended and two more have been suspended. So far as taking action against them is concerned, I did not hesitate nor will I hesitate. So far as the other things that you have mentioned are concerned regarding the Vaish Committee Report and all that, this question directly relates to those flats whose foundations were found to be defective and, so, I am answering only those points. If you put a separate question about the Vaish Committee what its recommendations were and what action was taken, etc., I will answer it then separately. But, so far as the question of taking action is concerned, I did not lag behind and I did not waste even a single minute in seeing that action was taken. I can tell the honourable Members of this House furthermore that I had to take my personal decision in suspending the Chief Engineer because recommendations were made that the Chief Engineer was not responsible. I told them that if the Chief Engineer was not responsible, why the Junior Engineers should be suspended. The world knows, every Indian knows, honourable Members know and everybody knows what the commission regarding payment is. They are very experts in taking commission, but they are not experts in finding out whether a suitable foundation has been laid. So,

for the satisfaction of the honourable Members I can say that I am not going to lag behind or slacken even in the slightest manner since this is the problem which is uppermost in your mind. You can go and find out in the DDA what havoc has been created and how they are doing things. In future, if I find even a single defect, I will not hesitate to suspend the concerned officer, howsoever high he may be and I think the House should now rest assured so far as this question is concerned.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Yes, Mr. Mohunta, please put your second supplementary. I think you have got more than what you wanted.

SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA : Sir, I am putting my second supplementary. First of all, I would like to express my satisfaction and I congratulate the Minister for his forthright reply and the commitment he has made and the action he has taken.

Sir, my second question is this : What safeguards has the Minister provided or has the Minister appointed any Committee to go into the circumstances which would finally obviate any chance of recurrence of this thing?

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR : Yes, I have done that also. I have done that also. So far as the other question, which I did not answer, about the correcting of the foundations of these buildings, is concerned, I also personally wonder how those foundations can be corrected. But the services of the highest technical experts in Inlia have been requisitioned. Let us be fully satisfied. If it can be rectified, let it be rectified and if it cannot be rectified, the buildings will be demolished.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Yes, Mr. Advani.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI : Mr. Chairman, lack of integrity and corruption is a bad thing and every Government department should deal with it. In this particular matter this is something criminal. This kind of activity is something criminal which plays with the lives of innocent citizens when you have houses built without foundation. In this particular case 192 cases have been detected, and after this was made public and the Prime Minister took notice of it, then the DDA Chairman came out with the statement that it is not 592, it is 192. He said that they have themselves were referring this matter to the IIT to advise them. It seems to me that it is only the tip of the iceberg. What is the total discovery made by the DDA as to the number of houses built in Delhi without proper foundation or which have been similarly ill-constructed, apart from Kishangarh?

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR : I want to disclose one more thing for your satisfaction. On 3-2-84, when 90 per cent of the work had been nearly complete in Kishangarh flats, the Executive Engineer in charge observed that the foundation in one of the blocks was less than the required. Remember 3-2-84—3rd Feb. 1984. Then he reported this matter on the 3rd to the Chief Engineer and the Chief Engineer went and inspected it on 4-2-84. On the 3rd it was brought to the notice of the Chief Engineer and the next day the Chief Engineer went there. After that, without taking any action against any officers, the Chief Engineer referred this matter to the Indian Institute of Technology to find out how best this mistake could be rectified. Somehow or other, when it came to my notice that this thing had happened. I immediately wrote back to the Member, Engineering, DDA, to let me know the whole thing, how this thing happened. Then he took nearly 15-16 days. He sent back the report. Immediately on that report I passed orders that all of them should be suspended and...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have not answered his question. (*Interruptions*) Please hear me. Do not stop me. The question is: How many other buildings had no foundations like this? You must answer the question directly.

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR : It is very difficult to say just now how many foundations, the foundations of how many buildings, are defective because so many buildings...

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: ... are defective. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR : So many buildings have been constructed by the DDA right from the ASIAD. If you go on checking the foundations of all, it will be very difficult for us to find out. It does not mean that all engineers are corrupt. There are many officers who are very honest. It was in this particular case that this thing happened.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: It is not a fishing expedition. The DDA Chairman himself has said : we have referred the matter to the IIT. On that basis if he has any information he can say.

MR. CHAIRMAN : He says that he has no information. Srimati Monika Das.

SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: I want to know from the hon. Minister whether since, inquiries started, many officers, Executive Engineers, have been transfered to the CPWD. Is it a fact? If so, what action was taken against them and what punishment are you going to give to them after catching them?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Allotment of land to non-resident Indians

*62. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal before Government to give land in Delhi to non-resident Indians to build houses;

(b) whether land was acquired and applications invited from non-resident Indians with security money in foreign exchange and the area demarcated and the plots carved out for individual allotment by the DDA;

(c) if so, (i) where was the land acquired in Delhi; (ii) what was the number of applications recived; (iii) what was the area of land acquired; and (iv) whether the scheme was abandoned; and

(d) for what purpose the acuired land has been used?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Land was not acquired specifically for the Scheme. About 53 acres of land was earmarked from the land which was intended for the General Pool Accommodation in Mehrauli Badarpur Road, for carving out plots for allotment to non-resident Indians against foreign exchange through the Land & Development Office and not by the DDA.

(c) (i) Land was earmarked in Mehrauli Badarpur Road.

(ii) 333.

(iii) About 53 acres of land was earmarked in Mehrauli Badarpur Road.

(iv) Yes, Sir.

(d) Since some of the applicants have filed a writ petition in the Delhi High Court, the utilisation of the land has been kept in abeyance till the case is decided by the Court.

### Colour transmission from Madras T. V. Station

*65. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to install the necessary equipment in Madras to make it a full-fledged colour